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Co-Pastors' Corner...

"Think of one person you have known—personally, or someone you have admired in public—who you feel was called." With these instructions, nearly 80 people in four different classes of "Called to Life" had the opportunity to write a name on a circle of colored cardstock. The assignment varied as each instructor interpreted the learning exercise slightly differently, and participants each heard the question in their own way. The collective result is a visual depiction of a "communion of saints" who have demonstrated "call" to our community. The names range from historical figures, such as Martin Luther and Martin Luther King, Jr., to family members, people in our church family, and even "(any) Mom."

This communion of saints will circle the congregation in the sanctuary in coming weeks, a fitting reminder that we are surrounded by those who have gone before us and continue to show us what it means to respond to God's call. In church tradition, November 1 is "All Saints' Day." The colored circles on the wall will also remind us that we, too, are called. Like the flame of the "burning bush" recalling the call of Moses, the communion of saints illustrates that God is at work in unexpected times and places, through the responses of ordinary but willing people.

With three of the four "Called to Life" classes now completed, we are moving into the third month of the "Year of Call." This month we will focus on the call to relationships. Family, friends, church, community—relationships are essential to being human. We are called to roles and responsibilities which make our families and communities more loving, just, and joyful. On November 12, Rabbi Ed Stafman of Congregation Beth Shalom will lead our thoughts towards answering the call in covenant community.



We hope you are finding inspiration in this 9-month exploration of Call. Members of the session are planning ahead for ways to continue the journey during Advent, Christmas, and the New Year. Let us know if you have yearnings or ideas for more congregational growth.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." *Hebrews 4:16*

Session Notes October 26

Session opened with Word/Share/Prayer, focusing on Richard Bolles mission statements and how we respond to God's call.

The Session had the pleasure of getting to know and recommending for membership, Mitch and Heather Overton, Lauren Robinson, Kelly Vange, and Nancy Bast.

Session approved having "Piety" Sunday sometime in January with donations for pie at coffee hour going to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund.

Session also approved allowing the Presby Cats to hold fundraisers to garner support for their upcoming spring mission trip to Miami.

Reports on the "Year of Call" and Stewardship indicated both endeavors are going well.

Session is very aware of the deficit in the church's Operating Budget and will be limiting expenses the remainder of the year and looking for increased revenues and how we can utilize some of the existing Funds on hand.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder, Debbie Ernst

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.*

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is Debby Haynes she will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with her personally or contact her by phone (581-0925) or email deborahc.haynes@gmail.com She will follow-up with Session.

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.

Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.

Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of September 2017

September Income	\$43,600	Year to Date Income	\$373,198
September Expenses	\$38,132	Year to Date Expenses	\$409,168
September Balance	\$5,468	Year to Date Balance	\$-35,970

2018 Stewardship

When I left the September Session meeting, I clutched in my hand the assignment list given to each Elder for the 2017 Financial Stewardship Campaign Session Leadership Plan, CALLED TO COMMITMENT. There at the bottom was my task. Write an article for the November 1 Good News edition of the PresbEnews – the wrap-up piece on stewardship. If you had asked me to cook a lunch for the New Members meeting, suggested that we need food for the Advent dinner, told me that brunch between services would be good for the next month – no problem. I find great joy in sharing my love of community and hospitality with my fellow Christians. But what a task to assign me ---to explain just why I share my gifts and financial support!

Every fall the harvest season reminds me to celebrate the overabundance of God's gifts. I have had many weeks to reflect and ponder just why I feel that it is important for me to commit to the support of our facility and all that happens inside and through this structure which is the anchor of our community of believers. What better way to celebrate the overabundance of God's goodness and provision than to share of my time, talents, and financial support? I am reminded of the story in Genesis 24:45 -46. "I said to her. 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.'" Today we are asking something of you: your time, your talents, and your financial support. Please consider joining with me and the community of First Presbyterian Church in celebrating God's goodness and abundance and our mission in the world by choosing to give more than you have been asked.

Elder Sally Broughton



FIRST FRIDAY - November 10

ALERT --- ALERT

Date change because of Presbytery meeting in our church

Join us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner - movie – popcorn – and ice cream for dessert as we discuss the implications in our lives from a Christian viewpoint of the movie for the month, **WHAT ABOUT BOB?** It is time for us to enjoy a “howlingly funny” “outrageously wild comedy” starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is a troubled but lovable therapy patient who fears everything. Bob follows the good doctor to his vacation retreat and becomes the houseguest who just won't leave endearing himself to the other family members while driving the stressed out shrink absolutely crazy. We will find some serious threads for discussion, but mainly our purpose is just good fun.

If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us to provide appropriate movies for the younger set.

Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting November 3 and 4 at First Presbyterian Church

What's the secret of churches that are bucking the trend & engaging young people well? Interested? Yellowstone Presbytery is providing a resource workshop for our church.

Growing Young workshop/presentation & conversation
Mini-conference Part 2 with college students from
Whitworth University/YP Fellows & Yellowstone Presbytery

Saturday, November 4 8 – 10:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman
Hear latest research findings and ideas from some of our college students!!
Bring questions; Join them in large and small group conversations to explore further.

Also join us Friday, November 3 at 10-12 noon

Workshop: Building a Culture of Generosity

1 – 5 p.m. Workshops: 'Called to Life' - a Year of Call at First Presbyterian
Christian Discipleship
Impactful Music for Sacred Worship

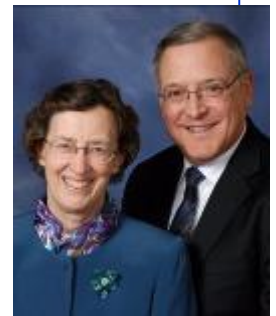
<http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org/documents/2017NovemberPresbyteryWorkshopFlyer.pdf>

6 – 7 p.m. Dinner \$8

7 – 8:15 p.m. Worship, Joel Schroeder, '17 Whitworth Fellow preaching
(PCUSA student considering ministry)

HARVEST DINNER / PASTOR APPRECIATION THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Please plan to attend our annual Harvest Dinner – Pastor Appreciation luncheon immediately following the 10:30 service this Sunday, November 5. Lunch will be served about 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Join us for some delicious food, great entertainment, and a chance to say “Thank You” to all our pastors who so faithfully serve our church. There will be a \$6.00 charge for the meal. No reservations necessary.



Deacons Distributing Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is once again upon us and the Deacons will be distributing food baskets to needy families in the Gallatin valley on Friday, November 17. Please help in this important church project by signing up to help with set up, clean up, and most important, delivery teams. Cash donations are also needed to defray the cost of the turkeys. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, memo Thanksgiving basket project. Sign up sheets are located at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for your continued support of this most worthy project. Please call Mike Roser at 580-5818.



Operation Christmas Child—All can help!

For more than 20 years, our congregation has assembled gift boxes for children around the world. A few years ago, one of our Presby Cats who came from Kyrgyzstan showed us the beanie baby she received as a child, and told us how special a sparkly pencil made her feel. When we send a box to an unknown child, we never know the impact the gift might make.

If you are filling a box, please include the following: washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, comb, school supplies (appropriate to age group), article of clothing, and a small toy or two. **DO NOT INCLUDE:** candy, toothpaste, used items, war-related items, seeds, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, breakable items, aerosol cans, vitamins.

Here are some ways to help:

1. Pick up a box and instructions from the back of the sanctuary and fill it, then return to the church **by November 12.**
2. Bid on an item in the silent auction which is set up in the entry to the Fellowship Hall. This provides funds for year-round purchase for filling many boxes. Or make a contribution to this fund.
3. Contact Joy Ames (586-1854) to help set up the assembly line on **Saturday, November 11.**
4. Volunteer to help children fill boxes during Sunday school on **Sunday, November 12.** Contact Brent Turner, bettarcamping@gmail.com.
5. Children, assemble boxes during Sunday school on **Sunday, November 12.** Youth, assemble boxes following worship on the same day.
6. Contact Joy Ames to help deliver cartons of boxes to Grace Bible Church during collection week, **November 13.**

Many thanks to Joy Ames for organizing this ministry for many years!

Luther's Legacy -- A Program of Vocal and Instrumental Music

Matthew O'Sullivan, organ and Frederick Frey, baritone. The concert is marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. The offering to benefit for The Warming Center.

Giving to First Presbyterian Church

In addition to traditional methods, First Presbyterian Church offers the option of making financial contributions to the church electronically via the web or by texting. Contributions via the web can be made from the online giving link on the church's website, www.fpcbozeman.org or by scanning this QR code with your Smartphone. To give by text, simply text the amount of your gift and any designation to **406-278-6267**. Thank you!



Send a Holiday
Wreath to friends/
family out of town!



PRESBY CATS are selling CHRISTMAS WREATHS!

The Christmas season is just around the corner! Help us reach our fundraising goal so we can go on our Spring Break Mission Trip to Miami, Florida! We will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Holiday décor now through November 12, 2017. Support your local collegiate group and do some holiday shopping at the same time! Contact a Presby Cat near you for more information! You can also contact Presby Cat Amy Desjardins at amydesjardins@yahoo.com or at 541-815-1608.



Mitch and Heather Overton



met at Ohio University in Athens. Parks and Recreation majors; they spent their summers working as whitewater rafting guides in West Virginia. They both went on to earn their Masters degrees in Recreation Administration. Mitch and Heather worked together managing a whitewater rafting company before Mitch served as a State Park Superintendent in WV and a City Parks and Rec Director in OH. Mitch currently uses his degree knowledge as the Director of Bozeman's City Parks and Rec Dept. Heather worked in various management roles in the outdoor industry, and served two years as an AmeriCorps VISTA before deciding to stay home to raise their three sons. Their oldest son, Graham, joined the church last spring with the confirmation class. He is an eighth grader. Graham is big brother to Jonas and McCabe; 5th and 2nd grade respectively. The Overton family has been attending

our church since moving to Bozeman five years ago from Lancaster, OH. As a family, they enjoy mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding, camping and hiking, and whitewater rafting and kayaking on local rivers and beyond. Heather grew up attending the First Presbyterian Church in Westfield, New York and Mitch, a Texas native, grew up attending Second Baptist Church in Houston. Mitch and Heather's hosts are Dan and Deana Berg.

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Kelly Vange and Nancy Bast



moved to Bozeman only a few months ago and because Donna and Chuck Beck are first cousins, they found our church quickly. Kelly's dad grew up in the Anaconda-Racetrack area and his mother in Polson. His parents met at MSU in the 1930's. Kelly is proud of his Montana heritage. Nancy and Kelly began to come to Montana seven years ago and it was love at first sight for Nancy. Perhaps you could say that about when she met Kelly as well. They met on a blind date in 2001 which had been set up by Nancy's friend Cindy who attended church with Nancy at the Presbyterian Church in Wayne, PA. Nancy does contract work which allows her to work remotely and Kelly manages his investment properties. Nancy just became the proud owner of a horse that resides on Cottonwood where Nancy occasionally fills in as a substitute barn worker. Nancy also likes to spend time with her two cats and she knits and enjoys yoga. She is playing in the bell choir.

Kelly spends his free time swimming, journaling, and doing other writing. They are both involved in the Called to Life classes. Nancy and Kelly's hosts are Donna and Chuck Beck.

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Lauren Robison followed her younger brother Tanner (one of our Presby Cats) to our church.



They are two of seven siblings in their family. The two of them are right at home here having grown up in the First Presbyterian Church in Butte where Lauren helped with vacation bible school and many activities with her parents in the church. She came from Butte to attend nursing school at MSU. She left Bozeman to do her clinicals in Missoula and was happy to return to Bozeman where she is employed by Bozeman Health working in the Internal Medicine Clinic. Lauren plays piano and likes to spend time with family and friends, snow boarding and hiking. She has a cat named Louie. She is looking forward to volunteering with the church but does not know yet where that will be. Lauren's host is Kelly Meredith.

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Jim and Fran Babcock

SURPRISE!!! Jim Babcock is turning 90!!

Join us for a **SURPRISE** 90th birthday celebration honoring Jim Babcock! Come enjoy music, food and cake while reminiscing about the last 90 years! On Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 PM at the Lindley Center, 1102 E. Curtiss Street Please call, text or email Lyndsey to RSVP at 406-460-0084 aliraw@hotmail.com

Be sure not to say anything to Jim about the SURPRISE PARTY

Birthdays this Month

- 11/1 *Lee Spring*
- 11/5 *Cyn Frye*
- 11/7 *Dave Arkwright*
Andrew Driscoll
- 11/8 *Gary Shanafelt*
- 11/10 *Julie Cunningham*
- 11/11 *Bob Staffanson*
- 11/13 *Jim Babcock*
- 11/15 *Diane Stone*
- 11/16 *Bill Gould*
- 11/17 *Beth Sinnema*
Katja Milburn
- 11/19 *Suzanne Bratsky*
- 11/20 *Rod King*
- 11/24 *Dick Rote*
Deana Berg
- 11/25 *Betty Knutson*
- 11/28 *Larry Ames*
- 11/29 *Hans Swenson*
- 11/31 *Oscar Mendoza*



Food Bank Sunday, November 5

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is always in need of non-perishable and non-expired items. Bring good items to either church service on Sunday and leave in the basket in the narthex or bring to the front of the sanctuary.

During the week they can be brought to the church office. For information go to gallatinvalleyfoodbank.com

Calling all bakers: We all love enjoying a cookie after Sunday church service, so if you could turn your oven on, find your favorite cookie recipe, and do a little baking, the Deacons would surely appreciate your help. Please place the cookies in the Deacon freezer or on table in kitchen with a label. There is always a need for cookies. Thanks for your help.



Interfaith Forum November 8 (THIS IS A 2ND WEDNESDAY)

Health Care and Religion: What perspectives do our religions offer to our national debates? Come hear the interfaith panel discuss what they see, and what this means for our faith and our world. The Interfaith Forum began more than ten years ago, and has grown every year since its founding. Regular panelists are Jody McDevitt, Rabbi Ed Stafman (Congregation Beth Shalom), Father Leo Proxell (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) and Ruhul or Shadmani Amin (Islamic Center of Bozeman). Each month additional panelists are added to the table, representing Bozeman's diverse religious community. A diverse audience listens, poses questions, and offers insights into the question of the day.



The forum is held on the first Wednesdays (this month the 2nd Wednesday) of the month at 12 noon, at Beth Shalom, 2010 W. Koch St. A brochure listing the year's topics is available at the church.

Items needed for Soft Landing Missoula

As Christians, it is impossible to ignore the suffering of so many refugees worldwide, fleeing from war, persecution and natural disasters. Horrors we can only imagine. We are reminded daily of our many blessings. This past year Missoula has opened their hearts and doors to more than 100 refugees from four countries and have committed to accepting more than 100 per year in the future. This is a tremendous undertaking and the sponsoring organization, Soft Landing Missoula, has requested help. The Gallatin Refugee Connections is hoping that our church, as well as others, may be willing to help. Will you please consider donating one of the following kits, or the items to complete one? You can also partner with friends or any other organizations you know who may be willing to help.

The following are needed:

Cleaning Kit

Laundry basket
Broom and dust pan
Pack of sponges
Toilet brush and scrub brush
All purpose kitchen cleanser
All purpose bathroom cleanser
Laundry detergent
Light bulbs
Dish soap & dishwasher detergent
Trash bags (13 gllon)
Paper towels

Toiletry Kit

Toothbrushes, 10
Tooth paste, 2
Shampoo, 2
Conditioner, 1
Deodorant, 3 each men and women
Bars of soap, 3
Razors, 4
Shaving cream, 2
Feminine hygiene Pads
Body Lotion
Q Tips

Plastic tubs will be provided. They are also in need of hats, gloves, warm socks, coats and snow suits. Items may be brought to the church office by November 14. To learn more about the Missoula organization, Google Soft Landing Missoula. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Rote at 219-3154. Thank you.

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

I suspect that by now most of you are aware our church will be hosting a Presbytery meeting later this week on Friday and Saturday. Yellowstone Presbytery always extends an invitation for the congregants at the host church to participate in any of the activities on its docket, especially the worship service on Friday night at 7:00. It is an opportunity to worship with fellow Presbyterians from throughout the southern and eastern parts of the state that comprise Yellowstone Presbytery's borders.

We have always intentionally portrayed ourselves as a connectional church. This is demonstrated from the pulpit each week when Dan and Jody during our corporate prayer offer up supplications for different ministries and ministers within Yellowstone Presbytery. Being connectional is also exhibited when we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing each year, when we have hosted mission trip volunteers from churches in Pennsylvania among other places, and in a literal and figurative sense during the laying on of hands when deacons and elders are ordained. There are many, many other examples that would help paint this picture of a connectional church, but I want to share one with you that happened just this week.

This past summer was a dreadful one for fires in Montana. Well in excess of a million acres burned throughout the state, and nearly a quarter of the total was in Petroleum and Garfield counties which are within the bounds of Yellowstone Presbytery and are served by the Presbyterian Church in Jordan. As you may recall, back in August this space offered up a prayer for those folks suffering through the effects of those fires. That prayer was also disseminated throughout the Presbytery and was then published in part in the PCUSA's Presbyterian Disaster Assistance literature. A couple of friends in different parts of the country noticed it and pointed it out to me. More importantly, though, some folks I don't know saw it. And they connected with us.

This week the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland, Kansas sent a check to Yellowstone Presbytery to be used to help the folks affected by the fires here this year. A letter accompanied their generous gesture, and it is the letter that helps explain the genesis of this connection. Back in February and March of this year the panhandle regions of Oklahoma and Texas and extending up into southern Kansas were experiencing severe drought and unseasonable winds. In an all too familiar scenario, wildfires soon erupted and resulted in the burning of the largest area of privately owned land in US history.

The church in Ashland was at the epicenter of these fires as seventy-five percent of the county in which it sits was burned. FPC Ashland received money for its recovery and relief efforts from all over, and those donations helped substantially. But the folks in Ashland recognized there were other places hurting just as much as they were, so they wanted to reach out and connect by forwarding some of the funds they received to the folks in Yellowstone. Their donation will undoubtedly help in the recovery efforts up here in Jordan, but if any of it isn't desperately needed, I have a strong feeling it will be forwarded on to the Presbytery of the Redwoods in Northern California to assist in their recovery efforts and to further connect the children of God.



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman to get in on regular breaking news. If you'd like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the "Like" button at the top of the page if you're a Facebook member. Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today's world!



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church

November 2017



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30am Women's Morning Book Group 7pm Choir	3 1 pm Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting	4 8am Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting
5 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Called to Life 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:45 Presby Cats 11:45 Harvest Dinner	6	7 7 pm First Bells 7 pm Boy Scouts	8 7 pm Choir	9 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30am Women's Morning Book Group	10 5:30pm First Friday	11
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